The Orissa Power Generation Corporation Ltd. (OPGC) for thermal *was* already in existence. Under the second transfer scheme, four subsidian» companies for distribution were created under GRIDCO.

These four distribution companies have since been disinvested (51%) in favour of private companies in 1999. It is too early to assess the performance of these newly created distribution companies. Ho\\ eAcr. there has been marked improved in reporting of T&D lossess in the post reform phase. There has been impro\ement in the Plant Load Factor of the OPGC. It is expected that the distribution companies will start making current payment for their power purchase by the end of the current year thereby achieving financial viability.

Construction of power generation projects

†4057. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL :
SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made an estimate of the amount required for completion of construction of all the power generation projects under construction in December, 1999;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the sources through which this amount is received together with the amount likely to be received through each source?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA); (a) to (c) the requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Capacity of power generating projects

†4058. DR. D. MASTHAN :
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the capacity of the power generating projects set up in the various power sectors of the country is more than the requirement of power for those sectors;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.